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(Only for Continuation or Divisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

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ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box CPA Washington, DC 20231	Attorney Docket No. Of Prior Application	503.37698X00
	First Named Inventor	K. TAKAHASHI et al.
	Examiner Name	Rudy Zervigon
	Group Art Unit	3400
	Express Mail Label No.	

This is a request for a continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/414,520 filed on 10/8/1999, entitled A PLASMA
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND A PLASMA PROCESSING METHOD.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (April 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of the CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on December 3, 2001 under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
_____.
b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. PTO-1449
 - b. Copies of IDS Citations

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (j))	10-20* =	0	X \$ =	\$0.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i))	2-3** =	0	=	0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (IF APPLICABLE) (37 CFR 1.16)			=	
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16)	740.00
				Total of above Calculations =	740.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).				
	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent.				
	TOTAL =				

6. Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2135.

- Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

8. A check in the amount of \$ 740.00 is enclosed.

9. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

10. Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.

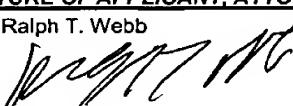
11. New Attorney Docket Number, if desired **520.37698CX1**.
[Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carry over to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.]

12. a. Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)
b. Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503)
13. Other: _____

NOTE: *The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below.*

14. NEW CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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Name	ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP 1300 NORTH SEVENTEENTH STREET	
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15. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED	
Name	Ralph T. Webb 
Signature	
Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Date	33,047 December 28, 2001

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 740.00)

Complete if Known	
Application Number	09/414,520 CPA
Filing Date	Even Date Herewith
First Named Inventor	K. TAKAHASHI et al.
Examiner Name	R. Zervigon (Anticipated)
Group Art Unit	1763 (Anticipated)
Attorney Docket No.	520.37698CX1

METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit overpayments to:
 Deposit Account Number 01-2135
 Deposit Account Name Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP
 Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
 Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:
 Check Credit Card Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION

2. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	740.00
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)				740.00	

1. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	10 - 20** = 0	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
		x	= 0.00	

Indep. Claims	2-3** = 0	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
		x	= 0.00	

Multiple Dependent	=

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) \$ 0.00				

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above.

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive – unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 0.00)

SUBMITTED BY

Complete (if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	Ralph T. Webb	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	33,047	Telephone	703-312-6600
Signature	<i>Ralph T. Webb</i>			Date	12/28/2001

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